America Under Attack

A chain of events that followed 9/11 terrorist attack

Osama bin Laden labeled as the prime suspect

National Day of Prayer and Remembrance honoring those who died Sept. 11

President Bush addresses Joint Session of Congress and the American People

Pentagon announces that 5,131members of the Air Force National Guard and Air Force Reserve ordered to active duty.

Islamic clerics urge bin Laden to voluntarily leave Afghanistan

Bush announces plan to bolster airline security, including expanded use of federal marshals on airliners

U.S. Army dispatches 1,000 soldiers to former Soviet republic of Uzbekistan, which borders Afghanistan

Taliban leaders offer to release eight imprisoned foreign aid workers if the U.S. halts "massive propaganda campaign" and ensures Afghan people will not be the target of any attack.

Bush warns Taliban that "time is running out" and to surrender terrorists and close their operations.

American and British forces unleash missile attacks against Taliban military targets and bin Laden's training camps inside Afghanistan

President Bush announces U.S. air strikes

New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani speaks at a news conference and announces that an NBC News employee in New York has tested positive for anthrax in tests done after the network received suspicious mail addressed to NBC news anchor Tom Brokaw.

Two new cases of the skin form of anthrax are reported: one involving an assistant to CBS anchorman Dan Rather and the other a postal worker in New Jersey

Osama bin Laden denies involvement

All airports closed

4,972 people missing from the World Trade Center

Airlines resume

Islamic clerics urge bin Laden to voluntarily leave Afghanistan

Sept. 12 · Sept. 13 · Sept. 14 · Sept. 15 · Sept. 20 · Sept. 27 · Oct. 5 · Oct. 6 · Oct. 7 · Oct. 12 · Oct. 18

10–16 · 17–23 · 24–30 · 1–7 · 8–14 · 15–21

September · October

Sept. 11

8:47 a.m. (EST) American Flight 11 with 92 people on board crashed into the North Tower of the World Trade Center in New York City

9:02 a.m. (EST) United Flight 175 with 62 people on board crashed into the South Tower of the World Trade Center

9:26 a.m. (EST) First time in history the FAA ordered all nonmilitary planes grounded and canceled all flights in the United States

9:32 a.m. (EST) All financial markets closed in the United States

9:41 a.m. (EST) American Flight 77 with 64 people on board crashed into the Pentagon in Arlington, Virginia

9:50 a.m. (EST) The South Tower collapsed

10:00 a.m. (EST) United Flight 93 with 45 people on board crashed in Shankville, Pennsylvania

10:28 a.m. (EST) The North Tower collapsed

Sept. 17

The supreme leader of Afghanistan's hardline Taliban says a grand council of Islamic clerics will decide whether to hand over bin Laden

Stock market reopens

Sept. 21

Taliban rulers refuse to hand over bin Laden and warn that any U.S. attacks could plunge the region into crisis

Sept. 22

The Taliban say they shot down an unmanned spy plane in northern Afghanistan.

Sept. 23

Rumsfeld confirms the United States lost contact with an unmanned spy plane over Afghanistan.

Sept. 24

Bush signs order freezing assets of 27 people and organizations, calling it a strike at financial foundation of terrorists

Sept. 28

Bush says the U.S. is "in hot pursuit" of terrorists. Administration official says U.S. special forces have conducted scouting missions

Oct. 1

43% drop in number of passengers since the airlines resumed September 15

Bush says $6 million in assets has been blocked and 50 bank accounts frozen as countries join the U.S. effort to stop the flow of money to terrorist networks

Oct. 4

Britain becomes the first government to outline alleged evidence against bin Laden, saying he spoke of a "major attack on America" before the hijackings

Pakistan becomes the first Muslim nation to say U.S. evidence links bin Laden to the attacks and is enough to warrant an indictment.

First case of inhaled anthrax: 63 year old man in Florida

Oct. 8

Environmental tests detect the anthrax bacteria at the American Media Inc. building in Boca Raton, Florida.

Oct. 9

FBI agents wearing bio hazard suits swarm over the American Media Inc. building in Boca Raton, Florida

Oct. 15

U.S. Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle talks to reporters on Capitol Hill after an envelope containing a suspicious powder, believed to be anthrax was opened in his office.

Health and postal officials said a small amount of anthrax spores had been found in a Postal Service mail sorting facility in Boca Raton